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SUBJ: TANZANIA-UGANDA-RWANDA RELATIONS

NAIROBI ALSO FOR REDSO/E (APRA 3)

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2360 AND OTHERS

1. TANZANIA-UGANDA TENSIONS. (SECRET) IN CONVERSATION WITH
AMB, UGANDA DIPLOMAT VOLUNTEERED HE HAS WHAT HE CONSIDERS
RELIABLE REPORTS TANZANIAN TROOP MOVEMENTS TOWARDS UGANDAN
BORDER. HE ADDED GOR NORMALLY MAINTAINS ONLY ONE PATROL
(35 MEN) FOR GOR/GOT BORDER STATIONED AT RUSUMU. HOWEVER,
IN PAST WEEK ADDITIONAL RWANDAN PATROL UNITS HAVE BEEN
SENT TO VICINITY LAKES IHIMA AND MIHINDI TO REPORT
ANY GOT EFFORT TRANSIT RWANDA TERRITORY IN EFFORT BYPASS

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UGANDAN FORCES AT GOT-GOU BORDER. HE ADDED SOVIETS HAVE

PROVIDED UGANDA WITH TANKS, ARTILLERY AND OTHER EQUIPMENT WHICH WOULD MAKE ANY CONFLICT SERIOUS IN ITS IMPLICATIONS. HE STATED HIS BELIEF OBOTE RETAINS ACTIVE INTEREST IN REGAINING POWER, BUT REALISTIC PROSPECTS FOR "POLITICIANS" IN UGANDA IS PAST EVEN IF AMIN OVERTHROWN. HE HAS ALSO RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO ISSUE ANY TRANSIT OR OTHER VISAS TO EUROPEANS OR AMERICANS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. COMMENT: THESE VIEWS MIGHT NORMALLY BE CONSIDERED AS PART GOU CAMPAIGN CREATE SMOKE IN ABSENCE FIRE. HOWEVER, GOU SOURCE, A BUGANDA, IS ANTI-AMIN AND HIS REPORT ON GOR PRECAUTIONS COULD WELL BE ACCURATE.

2. TRANSPORTATION (UNCLASSIFIED) ALTHOUGH APPARENTLY UNRELATED GOT-GOR TENSIONS, RWANDA EXPORTS/IMPORTS OVER PAST FEW WEEKS HAVE BEEN SLOWED BY UGANDA REQUISITION ALL RAILWAY CARS FOR UGANDAN NEEDS--PARTICULARLY COFFEE EXPORTS.

3. PORTS AND HARBORS (LOU) GOR TEAMS HAVE VISITED DAR ES SALAAM TWICE DURING PAST MONTH TO REQUEST RWANDAN EXCEPTION ON NEW PORT CHARGES (DAR ES SALAAM A-84 AND A-111). GOT HAS MATTER "UNDER STUDY" BUT GOR PESSIMISTIC. IN DISCUSSING MATTER, GOR FONMIN NOTED TO AMB "UNDERSTANDING" INCREASED PORT CHARGES RESULT USG REQUIREMENT THAT PORT BE PUT ON PAYING BASIS AS CONDITION FOR USG ASSISTANCE IN MODERNIZATION. ACTION REQUESTED (REDSO/E: WOULD APPRECIATE INFO IF THIS STORY HAS ANY BASIS. FRITTS

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